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IRT Responds To Deadly Earthquake In Peru



Powerful earthquake in Peru leaves chaos & homelessness.

The recent 8.0 magnitude earthquake that struck the coastal communities of Peru caused more than 500 deaths and destroyed over 34,000 homes leaving countless families without shelter and exposed to the elements. With the onset of the Peruvian winter, adequate shelter is crucial to preventing the outbreak of disease especially in the stricken areas where health and sanitation services have already been severely disrupted.

IRT is partnering with respected, local community agencies in Peru to provide medicines, tents, water, food, blankets, and other relief supplies to assist the survivors as they begin their recovery process. In addition, IRT has already airlifted an emergency shipment of specialized disaster relief supplies and medicines worth more than \$750,000 for distribution to the desperate earthquake victims.



You can help IRT continue to assist the vulnerable survivors in Peru by making a donation on our secure website at www.irteams.org or by mailing it to International Relief Teams c/o Peru Earthquake. ■

We Want To Hear From You!

Please direct any comments, questions or feedback regarding TEAMNews to:

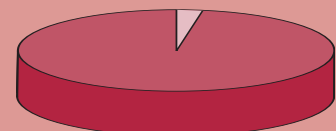
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Highest Rating from Independent Charity Evaluator



Efficiency



■ FUNDRAISING & ADMINISTRATIVE 1.96%
■ PROGRAM SERVICES 98.4%

Alternative Gifts International Chooses IRT's Project for Catalog



Young girl living with AIDS in Kampala, Uganda

During its more than 20 year history, Alternative Gifts International (AGI), a nonprofit corporation, has raised millions of dollars to support people in crisis, worldwide. Through an annual catalog of international development and relief projects, AGI raises funds for global gifts through its "Alternative Gifts Markets" held nationwide as well as in England, Holland, Japan and Korea. Designated grants are then sent to established international projects of several nonprofit agencies with excellent reputations and track records for relief and development.

We are honored that IRT's project, TeenSAVE, a support and education program for adolescents living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda, was chosen for inclusion in AGI's Catalog for 2007-2008. Working with the Makerere University/Mulago Hospital in Kampala, IRT staff is educating teens living with AIDS about their illness, the medication they must take and guiding them to make choices that maintain and improve their health.

We want to sincerely express our appreciation to AGI for their generous support of this life-changing project. This program is informing, motivating and empowering these boys and girls to take control of their health. Thanks to AGI, we are making a difference. ■

SAVE THE DATE!

*14th Annual
Gifts
of Hope
GALA*
*Saturday,
October 13, 2007*

IRT will host its 14th Annual "Gifts of Hope" Gala at the beautiful San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina. The Gala this year promises to be the best ever as IRT begins its 19th year of providing critical assistance to victims of disaster, profound poverty and neglect. The proceeds from this special fundraising event help provide the resources for IRT to continue to give the "gifts of hope" - *medical training, surgical outreach, public health and disaster relief* - to thousands of families worldwide.

The evening will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction filled with unique treasures followed by a delicious dinner, exciting live auction and dancing to the music of **Gary Kelly**.

Steve Hamann will be our auctioneer and emcee. Plan now to attend. Tickets are \$155 per person. Take advantage of our Early Bird discount of \$140 per person by mailing in your ticket by September 14. If you do not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please call our office at (619) 284-7979.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US WITH THE GALA. Please call our office at (619) 284-7979 or email info@irteams.org

IRT Mission Statement

International Relief Teams is a non-profit international relief and health care organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering by providing critical assistance to victims of disaster, profound poverty and neglect worldwide.

Highlights of IRT Relief Activities

MAY:

- IRT medical trainers continued the second phase of Project "Healthy Baby" in Romania with infant stabilization instructor training (S.T.A.B.L.E.) for physicians and nurses in Iasi, Romania.



Project "Healthy Baby" in Romania.

- IRT shipped \$942,000 in essential medical supplies to the Congo.
- IRT sent two shipments of medical supplies worth \$1.6 million to Liberia for humanitarian relief.

JUNE:



Young patient and her mother in hospital in Honduras.

- IRT shipped \$1.7 million worth of medicines and medical supplies to alleviate shortages in hospitals in Honduras.
- IRT sent a shipment of medicines and medical supplies worth \$46,800 to alleviate shortages in hospitals in Lithuania.

- IRT shipped \$1.5 million worth of medicines and supplies to the Ivory Coast for humanitarian relief.

JULY:

- IRT's 9th Katrina construction relief team repaired homes of the poor and elderly in Mississippi.
- IRT sent a shipment of 75 metric tons of food for distribution to HIV+ patients receiving anti-retroviral therapy, including pregnant women and their families, at clinics in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa.



IRT volunteer helps repair home of Hurricane Katrina victims.

- IRT shipped \$2.4 million worth of medicines and supplies to Liberia for humanitarian relief.

AUGUST:

- IRT shipped an emergency shipment of more than \$750,000 worth of specialized disaster relief supplies and medicines to aid earthquake victims in Peru. ■■■



Peruvians remove debris after a major earthquake strikes Peru.



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is an international disaster relief and health care development organization. Founded in 1988, IRT assists victims of disaster and profound poverty worldwide.

IRT is classified as a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. All contributions and bequests are deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

SUPPORT OUR LIFESAVING WORK!

Each year, IRT helps thousands of families and children around the world facing desperate situations. **But we can't do it without you!!** Your gift today will save lives, and bring hope and healing to suffering people who need help right now. Please send in your donation today, or make it on-line at www.irteams.org.

THANK YOU for your
compassion and support!

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Hawaii Vacation Drawing

We are pleased to announce that **Tom & Kim Schoettle** of San Diego were the winners of IRT's drawing for a Hawaiian vacation for two. **Tom & Kim** will soon be spending a fun-filled week at the Sheraton Kauai Resort in Kauai. **Thanks to all of our supporters who participated in the drawing and to the Sheraton Kauai Resort for sponsoring the accommodations for this trip. ALOHA, Tom & Kim!**

